

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Present Application:**

Applicants : Stephen Martone and Katsumi Oneda      Attorney Docket No. : 501061.02  
Filed : Concurrently herewith      Customer No. : 27,076  
Title : ENDOSCOPE ASSEMBLIES HAVING WORKING CHANNELS WITH REDUCED  
BENDING AND STRETCHING RESISTANCE

**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Beverly Meindl Flanagan  
Art Unit : 3739  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.